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FOLLOWING REPEAT STOCKHOLM 03052 TO CARACAS U.S. DEL
ACTION SECSTATE JULY 13, 1974. QUOTE

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, MOPS, SW

SUBJECT: USS FURER

REF: (A) STATE 150830 (B) STOCKHOLM 3014

1. I AM MOST GRATIFIED AT DEPARTMENT'S WISDOM IN ACCEPTING OUR
POSITION REGARDING TRANSIT OF USS FURER THROUGH ALAND STRAITS
DURING THIS PERIOD OF BALTIC OPERATIONS.

2. THE SOLE PURPOSE FOR MY OBJECTION
TO FURER'S TRANSIT AT THIS TIME WAS TO AVOID
DIPLOMATIC CONFRONTATION THAT COULD ONLY RESULT IN A REVERSAL OF
OUR IMPROVING RELATIONSHIP WITH SWEDEN. I STRONGLY SUPPORT OUR
OFFICIAL POSITION ON THE RIGHT OF INNOCENT PASSAGE. A WELL
CONCEIVED TRANSIT OF THE ALAND STRAITS WHICH MUST INCLUDE ADVANCE
COORDINATION WITH US IN STOCKHOLM SEEMS AN ENTIRELY REASONABLE
ACTION ON OUR PART. SUCH A TRANSIT SHOULD CERTAINLY NOT INCLUDE
A PORT VISIT IN SWEDEN EITHER BEFORE OR AFTER SUCH ACTION.

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3. WE DID NOT INDICATE IN ANY WAY TO THE SWEDISH
GOVERNMENT ACCEPTANCE OR REJECTION OF ITS
INTERPRETATION OF INTERNATIONAL LAW PERTAINING TO
THE RIGHT OF INNOCENT PASSAGE AS APPLIED TO THE
ALAND STRAIT. I DO NOT FEEL THAT FURTHER DISCUSSION IN
STOCKHOLM WITH THE SWEDISH GOVERNMENT REGARDING
THIS MATTER IS APPROPRIATE OR HELPFUL AT THIS TIME.
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